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And Method of Producing the Same

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 29, 2003, Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I, claims 1, 5-8, 14-16, 21, 22 and 26 for prosecution in the subject application.

Upon allowance of the elected claims, Applicants will be permitted to request rejoinder in accordance with MPEP 821.04 and *In re Ochiai*, 71 F.3d 1565 USPQ2d 1127 (Fed. Cir. 1995) of method claims 2-4, 9-13, 17-19, and 23-25.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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